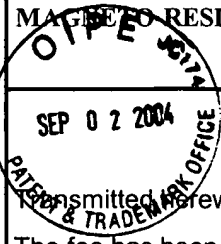
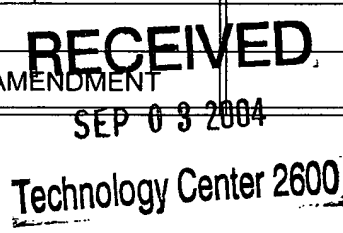


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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are indicated by the notation "currently amended" in the
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Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.